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Suffolk County Legislature to Consider Holding Committee Meetings in Riverhead

Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski has put forth a procedural motion that, if supported by a majority of his colleagues, would change the Rules of the Legislature and would require that a portion of the legislative committee meetings be held in Riverhead.

The procedural motion was discharged without recommendation from the Ways and Means Committee on Thursday and will be taken up by the entire legislature on Tuesday, April 28 at their General Meeting which will be held at the Legislative Auditorium in the Evans K. Griffing Building located at 300 Center Drive in Riverhead.

According to Legislator Krupski, "this is an issue of fairness and offering residents of the east end the same opportunity for access to their elected officials as the residents who live in the western part of Suffolk County currently experience." Although an average five General Meetings a year take place in Riverhead, no committee meetings are held in Riverhead, which has served as the County Seat since 1727.

Legislator Krupski, who represents residents of First Legislative District which includes Southold, Riverhead and parts of eastern Brookhaven, called on his colleagues to support the changes. If adopted, the twelve committee meetings in each legislative cycle would be held in Riverhead if the General Meeting in that same cycle were scheduled in Riverhead. Each committee considers a wide range of issues effecting Suffolk County residents including public safety, planning, land preservation, consumer protection and economic development.

"If the constituents I represent believe public access to their government is important, I hope they will come to the General Meeting next Tuesday and voice their support" said Legislator Krupski.